

Question: How will Standing Committees work?

Standing Committees will continue to be a connection point to broader FNSW strategic planning, with a FNSW director and a FNSW employee experienced in the relevant matters at hand continuing to attend the meetings of all Standing Committees.

At each meeting, the FNSW employee will act as 'minute taker', prepare meeting notes which will be distributed to all Standing Committee members and to the Board and will provide recommendations from the Standing Committee to the Board for review and consideration.

Question: What happens to the current members of the Standing Committees?

The terms of office of Standing Committee members (and the entitlement of the Chairs and Deputy Chairs of those Standing Committees to be registered voting members of FNSW) ceased on 31 December 2017.

A Standing Committee member is ineligible to serve more than four consecutive terms on any Standing Committee. Any terms served prior to 1 January 2016 do not count towards this limit.

Once nominations have been received and appointments made to Standing Committees, the Standing Committees will need to meet to elect Chairs and Deputy Chairs who will then be invited to become registered voting members of FNSW.

A member of a Standing Committees is ineligible to serve more than two consecutive terms as either Chair or Deputy Chair of a Standing Committee. Any terms served prior to 1 January 2016 do not count towards this limit.

A Standing Committee member who is a registered voting member of FNSW by virtue of being nominated to apply for membership by their metropolitan Association, Branch or Inter-Club Zone is not entitled to be elected as the Chair or Deputy Chair of any Standing Committee.

Question: Who will be on each Standing Committee?

The Board remains of the opinion that the Nominated Members of each Standing Committee should come from different roles within the football community and comprise a broader basis of specialists acting in the best interests of FNSW and its stakeholders. The Board continues to believe that it is important to ensure that Nominated Members have the appropriate skill set to be able to contribute to strategic matters relevant to that Standing Committee. With this in mind, the Board has made a number of amendments to the By-Laws which affect how nominees for certain Standing Committees are selected.

NPL 1 Standing Committee

The composition of the NPL 1 Standing Committee remains unchanged and will continue to comprise one person nominated by each of the NPL 1 Clubs, being a total of 12 Nominated Members.

NPL 2 Standing Committee

The composition of the NPL 2 Standing Committee remains unchanged and will continue to comprise one person nominated by each of the NPL 2 Clubs, being a total of 14 Nominated Members.

NPL 3 Standing Committee

The composition of the NPL 3 Standing Committee remains unchanged and will continue to comprise one person nominated by each of the NPL 3 Clubs, being a total of 14 Nominated Members.

State League Standing Committee

The composition of the State League Standing Committee remains unchanged and will continue to comprise one person nominated by each State League Club, being 12 Nominated Members.

Women's Standing Committee

The composition of the Women's Standing Committee has been amended.

First, at least 50% of the members of the Women's Standing Committee must now be female.

Second, the preferred composition of the Women's Standing Committee is now as follows:

- (a) no more than two persons who play for, coach, manage or administer a Women's team or Club in an Association Zone or Branch Zone competition, or who have done so in the last 12 months;
- (b) no more than two persons who play for, coach, manage or administer a Women's premier league or state league Club, or who have done so in the last 12 months;
- (c) no more than two persons who play for, coach, manage or administer a Women's team or Club in the State (at any level), or who have done so in the last 12 months; and
- (d) no more than two persons who play for, coach, manage or administer a Women's team or Club in the State (at any level), or who have done so in the last 12 months.

Futsal Standing Committee

The make-up of the Futsal Standing Committee remains unchanged, with the Nominated Members of the Futsal Standing Committee continuing to comprise no more than eight persons who have each been nominated by two Futsal Clubs or Futsal Centres.

Associations Standing Committee

The composition of the Associations Standing Committee remains unchanged, with one person nominated by each of the metropolitan Associations and one person nominated by each of the Branches, being a total of 18 Nominated Members.

Coaches and Technical Advisory Panel

The composition of the Coaches and Technical Advisory Panel has been amended and the preferred composition is now as follows:

- (a) at least two persons who have an "A" license, "B" license or "C" license for coaches (or the equivalent thereof);
- (b) no more than one person who has a "goalkeeper" diploma;
- (c) at least one person who has a "junior" license, "youth" license or a "grassroots" licence (or the equivalent thereof);
- (d) at least one person who coaches a Women's football team in the State (at any level), or who has done in the last 12 months; and
- (e) no more than one person who coaches a futsal team in the State (at any level) or who has done so in the last 12 months.

Referees Advisory Panel

The Referees Advisory Panel will continue to comprise two Nominated Members and the Board will continue to have a right to appoint up to six Appointed Members.

As part of the recent amendments to the By-Laws, a preferred composition of the Referees Advisory Panel has been introduced and is as follows:

- (a) at least two persons who hold Level 1 Referee accreditation and have officiated at FIFA or national level, who have been nominated by two Eligible Nominators;
- (b) at least one person who holds Level 1 Referee accreditation and has officiated at premier league or state league level (men's or women's), who has been nominated by two Eligible Nominators;

- (c) at least one person who holds Level 3 Referee accreditation and is a member of a Referees Body, who has been nominated by two Referees Bodies as Eligible Nominators; and
- (d) no more than one person who holds Level 3 Futsal Referee accreditation and officiates for the NSW Futsal Referees Association, or who has done so in the last five years, who has been nominated by the NSW Futsal Referees Association.

Question: How many times will the Standing Committees meet?

The Standing Committees will continue to meet at least three times a year to discuss strategic matters which are relevant to the aspects of the game with which each Standing Committee is concerned.

Question: What powers do the Standing Committees have?

The Standing Committees will continue to act as advisory bodies, to focus on the strategic direction of FNSW (rather than concentrating on operational issues) and to have the ability to make recommendations to the Board.

The Standing Committees will also determine how their Chairs and Deputy Chairs are to exercise their votes as registered voting members of FNSW, with all decisions of Standing Committees to be by majority.

Question: Who are the voting members of Football NSW?

The voting rights set out under the FNSW Constitution have not changed.

The Chair and Deputy Chair of each Standing Committee will be invited to become registered voting members of FNSW.

Question: How long can a member sit on a Standing Committee

Members of Standing Committees are entitled to serve for a term of up to two years and are eligible for re-appointment for three further terms. The term of the next set of members of Standing Committees will commence on 23 February 2018 and expire on 31 December 2019.

In relation to the NPL 1, NPL 2, NPL 3 and State League Standing Committees, however, membership is conditional on a Club remaining in the relevant competition, and so if a Club is relegated or promoted, the entitlement of that Club's representative to be a member of that Standing Committee will cease.

A member of a Standing Committee cannot serve on more than one Standing Committee at a time.

Question: Are there any conditions to being a member of a Standing Committee?

In line with good corporate governance, all Standing Committee members must undertake to be bound by the Standing Committee Code of Conduct.

Question: How do I become a member of a Standing Committee?

FNSW has prepared and issued a document entitled "Standing Committee Member Nomination Guidelines" which explains the nomination process. That document is available on our website: [click here](#). The deadline for the receipt of nominations is **5.00pm on Wednesday, 14 February 2018**.

A person is eligible to be a member of a Standing Committee if they are 18 years of age or over, they undertake to be bound by the Standing Committee Code of Conduct, they reside in the FNSW footprint and, for Nominated Members, they are nominated in accordance with the procedures set out in the By-Laws.

For the NPL 1, NPL 2, NPL 3, State League and Associations Standing Committees, a nomination must be signed by the nominee and by one Eligible Nominator, being their Club, metropolitan Association or Branch (as applicable).

For the Coaches and Technical Advisory Panel, the Women's Standing Committee, the Referees Advisory Panel and the Futsal Standing Committee, a nomination must be signed by the nominee and by the relevant Eligible Nominator(s).

Question: Has the process for selecting members of Standing Committees changed?

The process in respect of members of the NPL 1, NPL 2, NPL 3, State League and Associations Standing Committees has not changed. Each Club, metropolitan Association or Branch (as applicable) will simply nominate their representative to the relevant Standing Committee.

Under the previous By-Laws, in the event the number of valid nominations for Nominated Member positions exceeded the number of positions to be filled on either the **Coaches and Technical Advisory Panel**, the **Women's Standing Committee**, the **Referees Advisory Panel** or the **Futsal Standing Committee**, membership of those Standing Committees was determined by the drawing of lots.

The Board felt that this was an inappropriate means for determining the membership of these Standing Committees as it could lead to less experienced and/or less qualified individuals attaining office.

Accordingly, under the amended By-Laws, nominees for positions on those four Standing Committees must, along with the nomination form, submit a short biography about themselves which includes brief responses addressing the Selection Criteria (no more than 1,000 words in total).

In the event the number of valid nominations for Nominated Member positions exceeds the number of positions to be filled on those four Standing Committees, the Board will establish a Nominations Committee which will consider each nominee and assess their compliance with the Selection Criteria. The Nominations Committee will comprise the independent members of the Legal & Regulatory Committee.

Question: Have any other changes been made to the By-Laws?

In addition to the amendments affecting the Standing Committees described above, the Board also agreed to include, in Schedule 4 of the By-Laws, maps and descriptions of the boundaries of FNSW's metropolitan Associations.